## **IOHN WILLIAM CROOK**



John Wm. Crook, son of John and Mary Giles Crook. Born April 9, 1858, Provo Utah. Married Sarah Elizabeth Bond Nov. 10, 1886. Daughter of Stephen and Sarah Elizabeth Bond.

John Wm. died November 3, 1950. Six children born to them.

John William Crook was born April 9. 1858, at Provo, Utah, to John and Marv Giles Crook. The following year the family moved to Provo Valley and located in Heber where he resided his entire life.

He was educated in the district schools, seldom having more than four or five months during the year. He attended the Brigham Young Academy the winter of 1879 to April 1880 and the winter of 1880 and '81. Due to his father's illness he could attend school no longer as planned.

He was a member of the first YMMIA organized in the valley in 1877 and a member of the Literary Society, joining in 1876.

He worked in the sawmill in Daniels Canyon, owned by his father and William Forman, who also owned the stone quarry business. He was one of the town's local theatrical players, playing one of the leads in some 15 plays. Although he was a mild, quiet, good natured man, the parts he played were the villain. He also gave readings and dialogues.

He married Sarah Elizabeth Bond, the

daughter of Stephen A. and Sarah Clark Bond, November 10, 1886, in the Logan Temple, making the trip with wagon and horses. Lizzie (as she was called) was born in a log cabin across the street west of the north school, in Heber. Her father died when she was nine, leaving the mother with six children to support. Each child had to start work to help out, at an early age. She started working as a maid and mother's helper for 25 cents a week. When she was 12 her wages were raised to fifty cents a week.

